...(Interruptions)... prepare an action plan for implementation *...(Interruptions)...* The twenty year perspective plan for the State of Tamil Nadu has categorized various destinations in the State under six broad heads *...(Interruptions)...*

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir the hon. Member has not put the question *...(Interruptions)...*

*181. [The questioner (SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN) was absent for answer *vide* page 16.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 182 *...(Interruptions)*

Competition in market place

*182. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA.†
SHRI HARISH RAWAT

Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government considers promoting competition a serious policy issue as envisaged in the National Common Minimum Programme and other statements made from time to time by Government; and

(b) what policy initiatives Government have taken to ensure competition in the market place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has taken several measures to address competition issues in the market place, including:—

(i) Legislation that recognizes the imperative of regulating competition, in the form of the Competition Act, 2002 was enacted following recommendations of the High Level Committee on Competition Policy and Law set up under the Chairmanship of Shri S.V.S. Raghavan.

(ii) An institutional structure to regulate competition was set up in the form of Competition Commission of India (CCI). However, certain provisions of the Act were challenged before the Supreme

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Santosh Bagrodia.

Court in 2003 as a result of which CCI could not be made fully functional. The Apex Court has since delivered its Judgement in the matter Appropriate amendments to the Competition Act are under examination of Government to address the issues arising from the legal challenge and to facilitate the full functioning of the Commission.

(iii) Capacity building has been initiated to enable proper functioning of Commission once it is fully constituted.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, the CCI has been given a considerable amount of work, which is fundamental and preparatory for making it fully operational ...*(Interruptions)*... The CCI has been working closely with professionals, and has set up a number of expert groups, to advise it in different areas ...*(Interruptions)*... I would like to know from the hon. Minister what work has been done by the CCI during this period ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री मोती लाल वोरा : माननीय सभापति महोदय, ये जो नारे लगा रहे है, मेरा यह कहना है कि सोनिया गांधी जी कांग्रेस की प्रेज़ीडेंट हैं और सोनिया गांधी जी के बारे में जिस प्रकार की भाषा का उपयोग यहां हो रहा है, मैं समझता हूं कि उसे रिकॉर्ड से निकाल देना चाहिए। **...(व्यवधान)...**

श्री सभापति : सोनिया गांधी जी के बारे में रिकॉर्ड पर कुछ नही जाएगा। **...(व्यवधान)...** यह रिकॉर्ड में नही जा रहा है... यह रिकॉर्ड में नही जाएगा। **...(व्यवधान)...** यह रिकॉर्ड पर नही जाएगा। **...(व्यवधान)...**

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*... The Government has filed an application in the Supreme Court ...*(Interruptions)*... Now, consultation is going on ...*(Interruptions)*... We will bring this Amendment Bill before the Parliament ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, regarding further activities which are being performed by the Commission, at present, the Commission has done a considerable work which is preparatory and fundamental for making the Commission fully functional once the amendments to the Competition Act are done ...*(Interruptions)*... Presently, Sir, the Commission is doing advocacy, public awareness, training, including, organising competitions, seminars through the stakeholders, such as, professional bodies like ICAI, ICSI, NICWAI, industry and State Governments ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, the professional work, includes undertaking studies and research on the

relevant subjects. ...*(Intenvptions)*... So, these are the present activities of the Commission ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, my second supplementary is this. ...*(Interruptions)*... What is being done by the Commission in respect of the following categories? ...*(Interruptions)*... What is the objective of the Commission; and does the National Common Minimum Programme think about competition? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Sir, the consultation process is going on between inter-Ministries, and once the consultation process is over, we will bring the proposed amendments before the Parliament for consideration...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सभापति : यह रिकार्ड पर नही जा रहा है । **...(व्यवधान)...** यह रिकार्ड पर नही जा रहा है । **...(व्यवधान)...** कोई रिकार्ड पर नही जा रहा है । **...(व्यवधान)...** मैंने कह दिया है । **...(व्यवधान)...** मैंने कह दिया । **...(व्यवधान)...** कोई रिकार्ड पर नही जा रहा है । **...(व्यवधान)...**Question 183. ...*(Interruptions)*... Q. No. 183. ...*(Interruptions)*... Q.No. 183.

*183. [The questioner (SHRI B.K. HARI PRASAD) was absent. For answer *vide* page 17.]

...*(Interruptions)*... Q.No. 184. ...*(Interruptions)*... Q.No. 184.

*184. [The Questioner (SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA was absent. For answer *vide* page 19.]

...*(Interruptions)*... Q.No. 185. ...*(Interruptions)*... Q.No. 185 ...*(Interruptions)*...

New refinery near Bina

*185. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. is contemplating a joint venture for setting up a new refinery in Bina and in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the joint venture;

(c) whether a detailed design and feasibility report for the same has also been prepared, if so, the estimated cost and capacity of the projected refinery; and